THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government (in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) during 2008-09 has approved the following three new schemes for development and promotion of the khadi and village industry sector through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for implementation:-

(i) "Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)" for creation of additional employment opportunities through establishment of micro enterprises. The Scheme is being implemented through the KVIC, as the single nodal agency at the national level. At the State/Union Territories level, the scheme is implemented through field offices of KVIC, State/Union Territory Khadi and Village Industries Boards (KVIBs) and District Industries Centres (DICs) and Banks. Under this Programme, entrepreneurs can also establish village industries, by availing of margin money assistance from the KVIC/ KVIBs of States & Union Territories/ DICs and loans from implementing public sector scheduled commercial Banks, selected regional rural Banks and co-operative Banks, etc., for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 10 lakh each in the service/Business sector and up to Rs.25 lakh each in the manufacturing sector.

(ii) Scheme for "Enhancing Productivity and Competitiveness of Khadi Industry and Artisans" on a pilot basis with the objective, *inter alia*, to make khadi industry more competitive with more market-driven, profitable production and sustained employment for khadi artisans and related service providers by replacement of obsolete and old machinery and equipment and repairs to/renovation of existing/operational machinery and equipment, extend an evenly balanced and need-based support in all areas of Khadi activities *viz.* production, distribution, promotion and capacity building.

(iii) Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans on a pilot basis to provide financial assistance exclusively to the khadi spinners and weavers belonging to below poverty line (BPL) category for construction of worksheds.The details of targets set by KVIC for these three new schemes for year 2008-09, are given below:-

Name of the Scheme	Budget Allocation	Target
PMEGP	Rs. 823 crore	Generation of additional employment opportunities for 6.17 lakh persons
Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans	Rs. 25 crore	10,000 worksheds
Scheme for Enhancing Productivity and Competitiveness of Khadi Industry and Artisans.	Rs. 10 crore	200 Khadi Institutions.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Schemes under Rural Employment Generation Programme

†77. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the names of the schemes under rural employment generation programme being implemented, State-wise, in the country;

(b) the amount of fund allocated and spent each year during the last three years; and

(c) the number of persons benefited with these schemes in rural areas, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Government (in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), had been implementing a Central Sector credit-linked subsidy programme, called the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) from 01.04.1995 to 31.03.2008, in the rural areas and small towns with population up to 20000. Under REGP, eligible entrepreneurs were assisted in establishing village industries, by availing of loans from public sector scheduled commercial banks, selected regional rural banks, cooperative banks, etc., and margin money assistance (subsidy) from the KVIC, for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakh. REGP has been discontinued from 2008-09 and a new scheme called Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been launched recently.

(b) REGP was a Central Sector scheme and the approved grants for the scheme were released to the KVIC which, in turn, released the funds (towards margin money assistance) to the banks against the projects sanctioned in each State/Union Territory (UT). The State/UT-wise details of margin money assistance allocated and utilised under the REGP, during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) The State/UT - wise number of persons estimated to have benefited from employment generated under REGP, during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

State/Union Territory (UT) - wise details of margin money allocated and utilised under the REGP during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08

(Rs. lakh)

Sl.No.	States/Union Territories	Margin Money Assistance (Rs. lakh)					
		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		Allocated	Utilised	Allocated	Utilised	Allocated	Utilised
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Chandigarh	30.00	3.63	5.30	3.47	10.53	12.30
2	Delhi	18.67	16.66	16.88	18.37	21.06	13.23
3	Haryana	1665.00	1782.18	1824.72	1749.31	1759.74	2949.39
4	Himachal Pradesh	800.00	889.90	1243.75	1165.42	1267.37	1799.85

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5	Jammu & Kashmir	889.00	833.56	1053.93	1565.20	1053.40	1753.83
6	Punjab	1628.80	837.21	1657.13	1826.00	925.42	3273.35
7	Rajasthan	3025.16	2679.91	3273.79	2106.77	3561.71	3871.78
8	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	20.00	218.87	45.00	22.15	52.67	34.84
9	Bihar	600.00	570.54	707.95	715.67	820.33	1163.37
10	Jharkhand	300.00	351.12	353.84	357.92	600.00	461.04
11	Orissa	600.00	837.22	982.13	1055.54	1238.03	1456.41
12	West Bengal	2242.30	2100.06	2366.76	2396.03	3017.42	6367.70
13	Arunachal Pradesh	126.94	126.54	114.75	144.45	132.96	325.67
14	Assam	2820.00	2719.99	1694.25	1717.35	2678.38	2887.94
15	Manipur	25.00	43.85	205.88	128.99	238.55	82.39
16	Meghalaya	200.34	234.14	337.50	255.06	391.07	512.55
17	Mizoram	1304.39	995.54	1104.60	1043.60	500.00	1125.97
18	Nagaland	285.80	286.22	192.37	192.13	322.90	471.18
19	Tripura	100.00	289.95	119.83	151.47	281.57	681.83
20	Sikkim	5067.47	139.54	243.00	278.41	138.85	273.58
21	Andhra Pradesh	3810.27	3627.58	3913.69	3674.06	4419.08	5456.10
22	Karnataka	2161.68	1697.66	2232.60	2424.27	2587.00	3315.64
23	Kerala	1571.85	1603.41	1541.40	1567.36	2200.00	2358.49
24	Lakshadweep	1.90	16.39	1.72	0.00	2.00	7.78
25	Puducherry	13.70	12.66	71.18	42.76	82.48	132.25
26	Tamil Nadu	1188.21	1217.13	1560.46	1438.04	1622.01	3163.38
27	Goa	200.00	103.68	237.50	95.25	391.07	112.73
28	Gujarat	952.31	883.08	680.09	756.10	1034.72	1075.28
29	Maharashtra	2258.49	1596.48	1917.84	1837.03	2454.02	2770.70
30	Chhattisgarh	1121.92	1152.87	1414.22	1215.03	1542.45	1788.20
31	Madhya Pradesh	1584.86	1114.33	1432.72	1531.38	1891.51	2291.58
32	Uttarakhand	577.74	617.86	3169.95	2903.32	4254.55	4994.83
33	Uttar Pradesh	4339.46	2495.99	575.00	601.44	782.15	1074.43
	TOTAL :	36669.09	32095.75	36291.73	34979.35	42275.00	58059.59

Statement-II

State/UT-wise number of persons estimated to have benefited through employment generated under REGP during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08

(Number of persons)

Sl.No.	States/Union Territories	Estimated employment generated under REGP		
		2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1	2	3	4	5
1	Chandigarh	36	50	199
2	Delhi	112	267	215
3	Haryana	26541	28339	45185
4	Himachal Pradesh	12276	17102	26848
5	Jammu & Kashmir	18284	23274	43865
6	Punjab	16654	35604	37412
7	Rajasthan	59596	44168	94468
8	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4495	323	273
9	Bihar	11445	12334	20057
10	Jharkhand	3756	7289	9064
11	Orissa	9670	16311	21857
12	West Bengal	36853	42834	120126
13	Arunachal Pradesh	1857	2106	1783
14	Assam	49595	30912	48303
15	Manipur	416	1881	1105
16	Meghalaya	1962	2174	3509
17	Mizoram	18255	16455	17299
18	Nagaland	5549	3358	6910
19	Tripura	5616	5851	14178
20	Sikkim	1750	2208	2260
21	Andhra Pradesh	66050	59750	98449
22	Karnataka	27129	42420	58855
23	Kerala	30586	30144	48668
24	Lakshadweep	292	0	36
25	Puducherry	187	854	2099
26	Tamil Nadu	20055	25216	54634

1	2	3	4	5
27	Goa	801	1389	809
28	Gujarat	17947	13520	19271
29	Maharashtra	30928	27182	33266
30	Chhattisgarh	17348	17719	25933
31	Madhya Pradesh	15365	22332	42793
32	Uttarakhand	10948	10962	19270
33	Uttar Pradesh	45322	51123	56652
	TOTAL :	567676	595451	975651

Encouraging investment in SMEs in Uttar Pradesh

78. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is making efforts to encourage investment in small and medium enterprises SMEs run by small entrepreneurs in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The promotion and development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) is primarily the function of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. The Central Government however, supplements the efforts of the States/UTs by providing supportive measures to boost the development and promotion of MSMEs and enhance their competitiveness uniformly all over the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh through specific schemes, which, *inter alia*, include the scheme for technological upgradation, comprehensive need based development of clusters, accessing markets, improved infrastructure, better availability of credit, facilities for training and capacity building of entrepreneurs, etc. So far, 114 clusters have been taken up in Uttar Pradesh for development under Micro and Small Enterprises – Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP). Out of these interventions in 7 clusters have been completed. Under the scheme of Fund For Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) 100 clusters of khadi, village and coir industries to be developed over a period of five years from 2005-06, 11 clusters have been approved for the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Introduction of new train from Delhi to Hyderabad

79. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to introduce a new train from Delhi to Hyderabad due to the heavy rush;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when new train from Delhi to Hyderabad would be introduced?